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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ARTUKOVIC (BELGRADE 4752). WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING A NOTE TO GOY REQUESTING INFO ON HOW ARTUKOVIC CASE WILL BE HANDLED IF HE IS DEPORTED. INS PROSECUTOR MENDELSON WANTS THIS INFO IN CASE THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE WANTS ASSURANCES THAT ARTUKOVIC WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR "POLITICAL" CRIMES. MENDELSON IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF DEPORTATION. WE ARE RESERVED.

2. BLAZEVIC IVP GRANT (BELGRADE 4752). HERB KAISER HAS LEFT WASHINGTON AND WILL BE TRAVELING UNTIL JULY 17. WE WILL CHECK WITH HIM WHEN HE RETURNS (UNLESS HE CALLS US SOONER) REGARDING BLAZEVIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF THE VISIT.

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3. MARKOVIC VISIT. STILL WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION OF TRAVEL PLANS, WE HAVE MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP OF 25 IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR JULY 19 AND 20 AND WILL PROCEED TO PLAN ACTIVITIES THERE AND IN CHICAGO. THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT (AND POST-SUMMIT TRAVEL) MAY ALSO KEEP SECRETARY OUT OF WASHINGTON DURING MARKOVIC PROGRAM, BUT WE ARE NONETHELESS,

SEEKING HIS COMMITMENT THAT, IF NECESSARY, ACTING
SECRETARY RECEIVE GROUP.

4. KULAKOV PRESENCE AT CONGRESS (BELGRADE 4752).
ALTHOUGH OUR RESIDENT KREMLINOLOGIST/SINOLOGIST IS OFF
INVESTIGATING THE IMPACT OF CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION
13 ON PLACES LIKE SEATTLE -- IN OTHER WORDS, ON VACATION
-- WE HAVE DISCUSSED KULAKOV PRESENCE WITH INR EXPERTS
WHO THRIVE ON THIS SORT OF THING. BASICALLY, THEY
AGREE WITH ASSESSMENT IN PARA 4 OF MOSCOW 14624, I.E.,
HIS LEVEL IS JUST ABOUT WHAT PROTOCOL REQUIRED, NOT MORE
NOT LESS. DON GRAVES SAID THAT NOTHING VERY MUCH SHOULD
BE READ INTO KULAKOV'S SELECTION OTHER THAN THAT IT WAS
HIS TURN. (MARTHA MAUTNER SUGGESTED HE SIMPLY LOST THE
DRAW.) FOR THE INFORMATION OF FRUSTRATED KREMLINOLOGISTS
AT THE POST, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN INR'S VIEW OF
KULAKOV AS BEING "THIRD RUNG" IN THE POLITBURO, BELOW
BREZHNEV (1ST), SUSLOV/KOSYGIN/KIRILENKO (2ND) AND ON A
PAR WITH ROMANOV AND SHCHERBITSKIY (3RD). FURTHERMORE,
KULAKOV'S "INDICATORS" HAVE BEEN POINTING DOWN OVER
PAST HALF YEAR.

5. WE'LL TRY TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR OTHER ITEMS AS WELL.

6. FOR EVANS. SHIRLEY PANIZZA APPRECIATES EVANS'
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ETA END OF JULY AND HAS BEEN IN
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TOUCH WITH PER/HIGGINS. AS DEPT TRAINING TERMINATED JUNE
23 AND SHE EXPECTS TO COMPLETE CONSULTATIONS BY JULY 6,
SHIRLEY WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM JULY 21 ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE.
PER OFFICER CARDOZO HAS BEEN INFORMED BY LETTER WITH
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY LODGING INFO. SHIRLEY WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT REPORTING IN TO EMBASSY
SINCE PANIZZAS ARRIVING BY CAR.

7. ALIMI. WE MENTIONED TO MAGUIRE'S OFFICE THAT ALIMI
HAD SHOWN NO INTEREST IN GETTING OUT QUICKLY OR IN
RENOUNCING YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP. VANCE

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